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## MEMORANDUM

November 24, 2008

TO: All Concerned

FROM: James H. Welsh

**Commissioner of Conservation** 

**SUBJECT:** Well Spacing Policy

In order to provide for uniformity in the application of the well spacing requirements provided in Statewide Order No. 29-E or in special field rules, effective immediately the following shall be the policy of the Office of Conservation:

- (1) With respect to any well in which production casing is run and cemented across the pool in which the well is perforated for production, the distance to any property line and offset well shall be calculated based on the distance to the nearest perforation in the pool, and not based on the distance from the point at which the wellbore penetrates or exits the pool.
- (2) With respect to any well in which production casing is not run and cemented across the pool (including, without limitation, open hole completions or completions using a slotted liner), the distance to any property line and offset well will be calculated based on the closest point open to the wellbore.

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